

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting user-specified sources of at least two shows capable of being concurrently received and displayed by an entertainment system, the method comprising:

receiving a first user-specified show selection;

displaying a first plurality of digital program sources available for providing the first user-specific show selection;

receiving a first user-specified source selection from the first plurality of digital program sources;

receiving a first signal identifying a first selected digital program source for the first user-specified show selection;

displaying the first user-specified show selection of the first selected digital program source on a first portion of a display screen;

~~and the method further includes~~

receiving a second user-specified show selection;

displaying a second plurality of digital program sources available for providing the second user-specified show selection;

receiving a second user-specified source selection from the second plurality of digital program sources;

receiving a second signal identifying a second selected digital program source for the second user-specified show selection, the second selected digital program source differing from the first selected digital program source; and

concurrently displaying the second user-specified show selection on a second portion of the display screen differing from the first portion of the display screen.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the first signal uses a first coding technique.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the second signal uses a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 67, wherein the first and second modulation techniques are selected from a group consisting of: amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein said first user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein said second user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, said second user-specified source being different from said first user-specified source.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, further comprising: loading programming data associated with the first user-specified show selection into a memory of the entertainment system; and loading programming data associated with the second user-specified show selection into the memory of the entertainment system.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:

generating a screen menu to prompt selection of the first user-specified show selection and the second user-specified show selection;

selecting a first option grid of the screen menu to load the corresponding programming data of the first user-specified show selection into the memory; and

selecting a second option grid of the screen menu to load the corresponding programming data of the second user-specified show selection into the memory.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, further comprising:
recording by a first recorder said first show without recording said second show.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
recording by a second recorder said second show without recording said first show.

16. (Previously Presented) An entertainment system comprising:
a display monitor; and
a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver including
a first front-end unit capable of receiving digital programming data to be viewed on the display monitor, the digital programming data associated with a first user-specified show selection provided by a first user-specified source selection from a first plurality of digital program sources;
a second front-end unit capable of receiving digital programming data to be viewed on the display monitor, the digital programming data associated with a second user-specified show selection provided by a second user-specified source selection from a second plurality of digital program sources;
a plurality of memory elements;
a central processing unit coupled to the plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit executing software
to assist the broadcast receiver in loading digital programming data associated with one of either the first user-specified show selection or the second user-specified show selection into one of the plurality of memory elements along

with information to display said first user-specified show selection on the display monitor upon receiving a first show selection signal, and
to simultaneously display said first and second user-specified show selections on the display monitor upon receiving a second show selection signal;
and

wherein the first and second user-specified show selections being concurrently processed by the first front-end unit and the second front-end unit, respectively to be displayed concurrently on the display monitor in different locations.

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17. (Original) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the display monitor includes a television receiver.
 18. (Original) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver includes an integrated receiver decoder.
 19. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the central processing unit of the broadcast receiver executes software to provide a screen menu,
and wherein
selection of a first option grid of the screen menu signals the central processing unit to load a first programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements indicating that the first show is to be displayed.
 20. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 19, wherein upon selection of a second option grid, the central processing unit controls loading of a second programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements indicating that the second show is to be displayed.

21. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the first user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the first show using a first coding technique.

22. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 21, wherein the second user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the second show using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.

23. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 68, wherein the first and second modulation techniques are selected from a group consisting of: amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.

24. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein said first user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

25. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 24, wherein said second user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, said second user-specified source being different from said first user-specified source.

26. (Previously Presented) An entertainment system comprising:
a display monitor; and
a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver including
a first front-end unit capable of receiving digital programming data associated with a first show broadcast from a first user-specified digital program source to be viewed on the display monitor,
a second front-end unit capable of receiving digital programming data associated with a second show broadcast from a second user-specified digital program source to be viewed on the display monitor, the second user-specified digital program source differing from the first user-specified digital program source,
a plurality of memory elements, and
a central processing unit coupled to the plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit executing software

to assist the broadcast receiver in loading digital programming data associated with a selected one of the first and the second shows into one of the plurality of memory elements along with information, and

to simultaneously display said selected first and second shows on the display monitor corresponding to the first user-specified digital program source and the second user-specified digital program source, respectively, in differing locations.

27. (Original) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the display monitor includes a television receiver.

28. (Original) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the broadcast receiver includes an integrated receiver decoder.

29. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the central processing unit of the broadcast receiver executes software to provide a screen menu,

and wherein a selection of a first option grid of the screen menu signals the central processing unit to load a first programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements indicating that the first show is to be displayed.

30. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 29, wherein upon selection of a second option grid, the central processing unit controls loading of a second programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements indicating that the second show is to be displayed.

31. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein said first front-end receives broadcast signals using a first coding technique.

32. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 31, wherein

· said second front-end user receives broadcast signals using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.

33. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 69, wherein the first and second modulation techniques are selected from a group consisting of: amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.

34. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein said first user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.

35. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 34, wherein said second user-specified source is selected from a group consisting of: a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, said second user-specified source being different from said first user-specified source.

36. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein the central processing unit further executes software to record one of said first and said second shows.

37. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 36, wherein the central processing unit further executes software to record the other one of said first and said second shows.

38. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver directs the first show to the display monitor to be viewed and substantially simultaneously to a recording device to be recorded.

39. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver directs the second show to the display monitor to be viewed and substantially simultaneously to a recording device to be recorded.

40. (Original) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver further includes a cryptographic engine to decrypt data signals in accordance with at least one cryptographic function.

41. (Previously Presented) A method for selecting at least two differing digital program sources capable of being separately received, processed, and displayed, recorded or displayed and recorded by an entertainment system, the method comprising:

- receiving a first user-specified selection;
- in response to receiving a first user-specified selection, displaying a first plurality of digital program sources available for providing the first user-specified selection;
- receiving a first user-specified digital program source selection from the first plurality of digital program sources;
- receiving a second user-specified selection;
- in response to receiving the second user-specified selection, displaying a second plurality of digital program sources available for providing the second user-specified selection;
- receiving a second user specified digital program source selection from the second plurality of digital program sources, the second user specified digital program source selection differing from the first user specified digital program source selection; and
- concurrently servicing the first user-specified show selection provided by the first user-specified digital program source selection and the second user-specified show selection provided by the second user-specified digital program source selection to concurrently display a first show and a second show on a display monitor in different locations.

42. (Original) The method of Claim 41 further comprising:

- receiving a user-specified selection; and
- wherein servicing the user-specified selection is performed in accordance with the user-specified servicing selection.

43. (Original) The method of Claim 42 wherein

the user-specified servicing selection is one of either displaying, recording, or displaying - and recording the user-specified selection.

44. (Original) The method of Claim 41 wherein the user-specified selection is a show.

45. (Original) The method of Claim 41 wherein the user-specified selection is a station.

46. (Previously Presented) A method for selecting at least two differing digital program sources capable of being separately received, processed and displayed, recorded or displayed and recorded by an entertainment system, the method comprising:

receiving a plurality of user-specified selections;

in response to receiving the plurality of user-specified selections, displaying a plurality of digital program sources available for providing each of the plurality of user-specified selections, at least two of the plurality of digital program sources being different;

receiving a user specified source selection for each of the plurality of user-specified selections; and

concurrently servicing each of the plurality of digital program sources corresponding to the plurality of user-specified selections associated with each corresponding user-specified source selection to concurrently display at least a first show and a second show of the plurality of digital program sources on a display monitor in different locations.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 46 further comprising:

receiving a user-specified servicing selection for each of the plurality of user-specified selections; and

wherein servicing each of the plurality of user-specified selection selections is performed in accordance with its corresponding user-specified servicing selection.

48. (Original) The method of Claim 47 wherein

the user-specified servicing selection is one of either displaying, recording, or displaying and recording.

49-66. (Cancelled).

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein
the first signal uses a first modulation technique, and
the second signal uses a second modulation technique that is different from the first
modulation technique.

68. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein
the first user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the first show
using a first modulation technique, and
the second user-specified source transmits broadcast signals associated with the second
show using a second modulation technique that is different from the first modulation technique.

69. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein
said first front-end receives broadcast signals using a first modulation technique, and
said second front-end user receives broadcast signals using a second modulation
technique that is different from the first modulation technique.

70. (Previously Presented) A method for selecting at least two differing program
sources capable of being separately received, processed, and displayed, recorded or displayed
and recorded by an entertainment system, the method comprising:

receiving a first user-specified selection;
in response to receiving a first user-specified selection, displaying a plurality of analog
program sources available for providing the first user-specified selection;
receiving a user-specified analog program source selection from the plurality of analog
program sources;
receiving a second user-specified selection;

in response to receiving the second user-specified selection, displaying a plurality of digital program sources available for providing the second user-specified selection;

receiving a user specified digital program source selection from the plurality of digital program sources, the user specified digital program source selection differing from the user specified analog program source selection; and

concurrently servicing the first user-specified show selection provided by the user-specified analog program source selection and the second user-specified show selection provided by the user-specified digital program source selection to concurrently display a first show and a second show on a display monitor in different locations.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 70 further comprising:
receiving a user-specified selection; and

wherein servicing the user-specified selection is performed in accordance with the user-specified servicing selection.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 71 wherein
the user-specified servicing selection is one of either displaying, recording, or displaying and recording the user-specified selection.

73. (Previously Presented) An entertainment system comprising:
a display monitor; and
a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver including
a first front-end unit capable of receiving analog programming data associated with a first show broadcast from a user-specified analog program source to be viewed on the display monitor,
a second front-end unit capable of receiving digital programming data associated with a second show broadcast from a user-specified digital program source to be viewed on the display monitor, the user-specified digital program source differing from the user-specified analog program source,
a plurality of memory elements, and

a central processing unit coupled to the plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit executing software

to assist the broadcast receiver in loading programming data associated with a selected one of the first and the second shows into one of the plurality of memory elements along with information, and

to simultaneously display said selected first and second shows on the display monitor corresponding to the user-specified analog program source and the user-specified digital program source, respectively, in differing locations.

74. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 73, wherein the display monitor includes a television receiver.

75. (Previously Presented) The entertainment system of claim 73, wherein the broadcast receiver includes an integrated receiver decoder.